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Anguished parents wait for news after learning a gunman had entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., opening fire in the three-story building and outside as students and teachers ran.

17 killed in Florida high school attack

Suspect, IDd as former student, used AR-15 rifle

By Audra D.S. Burch and Patricia Mazzei

PARKLAND, Fla. — A heavily armed young man barged into his former high school about an hour northwest of Miami on Wednesday, opening fire on terrified students and teachers and leaving a death toll of 17 that could rise even higher, authorities said.

Students huddled in horror in their classrooms, with some training their cellphones on the carnage, capturing sprawled bodies, screams and gunfire that began with a few shots and then continued with more and more. The dead included students and adults, some of whom were shot outside the school and others inside the sprawling three-story building.

The gunman, armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle, was identified by authorities as Nikolas Cruz, 19, who had been expelled from the school. They said he began his shooting rampage outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in this suburban neighborhood shortly before dismissal time around 2:40 p.m. He then made his way inside and proceeded down hallways he knew well, firing at students and teachers scurrying for cover, the authorities said.

“Oh my God! Oh my God!” one student yelled

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Students fleeing gunshots file out of their school, which was evacuated by police officers during the deadly attack.

Extreme weather likely to worsen

Disaster tolls will grow, Stanford study forecasts

By Kurtis Alexander

The extreme weather that brought record floods and ruinous wildfires to the United States in the past year is just a taste of what’s to come, new research out of Stanford University shows.

Owing to global warming, increasingly brutal spells of heat and drought as well as rain and snow are up to five times as likely to occur over large stretches of the planet in coming decades, according to a study published Wednesday.

The work was led by Earth system scientist Noah Diffenbaugh, who is at the fore of a growing cadre of researchers working to pinpoint the largely amorphous effects of climate change.

The study is among the first to quantify how much more probable devastating weather has become — and where it will strike. It offers not only a grim picture of what may lie ahead, but a chance for cities and nations to prepare for the climatic upheaval.

“These extremes are really where we get test-

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Trump vows no ‘Dreamer’ bill if hard line gone

By Carolyn Lochhead

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans maneuvered to blame each other for any failure to resolve the fate of hundreds of thousands of young immigrants as the Senate inched toward votes on various immigration proposals that all appeared to lack enough support to pass.

President Trump issued a statement Wednesday saying he would oppose any plan that fell short of a bill sponsored by Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley and six other Republicans that includes his “four pillars.” One of those is a path to citizenship for 1.8 million undocumented immigrants brought here as children. The others all appeal to immigration hard-liners: visa restrictions for relatives of future immigrants, cancellation of a visa lottery for countries that send few immigrants to the U.S., and \$25 billion for a wall

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WINE COUNTRY FIRES

Owners say no rebuild for Journey’s End mobile homes

By Lizzie Johnson

For more than four months, those who fled a Santa Rosa mobile home park swallowed by the historic Tubbs Fire waited for an answer on the fate of their community.

This week, it finally came, and it wasn’t the news many had hoped for. Journey’s End — a landing spot for many low-income seniors after a lifetime spent working and raising children — will not be rebuilt. Instead, the park’s owners plan to partner with developers to build a mix of affordable and market-rate

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Flames engulf a coin laundry inside the Journey’s End mobile home park in Santa Rosa during the Tubbs Fire on Oct. 9.

Fears heighten after edible pot sickens students

By Jill Tucker

Alana Herron panicked when she received an email from her daughter saying that “something bad is happening” at James Lick Middle School in San Francisco.

At least 10 students had ingested what was later determined to be marijuana in edible form, and one of the children was rushed to a hospital in critical condition.

While the students’ intoxication on Tuesday afternoon wasn’t life-threatening, and though all were recovering Wednesday, the incident was “very scary,” Herron said. “It seemed to traumatize a lot of the kids.”

After the initial fears subsided, the San Francisco mom and other parents were left with a stark realization: With the Jan. 1 legalization of recreational marijuana sales to adults upping

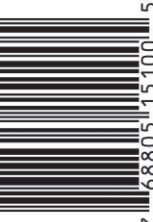
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